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My dear Sir:

158 I cannot resist writing you a
line, though you have probably
scarcely ever heard my name, to
say how right & wise I & many
other Englishmen think the
course you have taken upon
the question of supporting Mr.
Lincoln for re-election. I was
much pained by Professor
Newman's letter to you; still
more by the line which many
of ^{the} leading American Abolitionists
have taken upon the question,
& by the tone they have thought
fit to adopt as to yourself.

I think I may safely say that

Especially in the noble stand which you & others
have made against slavery in the United States;
and I could not remain silent when some of
the ablest & best of your own friends are turning
against you for conduct which seems to me
most wise, & consistent with all you have
said & written for the last 30 years. —

Whatever other issues your tremendous struggle
may have, it seems clear that God will, through it,
make an end of slavery on your Continent; & that
end will have been cheaply purchased, even
if the Union should perish. I believe me with
all good wishes for your own & your country's future,
Wm Lloyd Garrison, Esq. most truly yours, Thos Hughes.

the great majority of Englishmen,
who have really taken the trouble
to study the question, agree with
me in thinking, that Mr. Lincoln
has proved himself thoroughly
honest & trustworthy in the
fearfully difficult & trying position
in which your nation have
placed him, & that these qualities
far more than out-weigh his
faults, which have been only
such as arise from caution, &
distrust of himself. - It would
be impertinent in me to add
any opinions of my own as to
your great revolution - My only
excuse for writing at all is,
that I have taken the deepest
interest for many years
in American politics, and

